

REMARKS

Claims 2 to 19 are pending in the application; claim 1 is canceled.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) for not showing the "camshaft adjusting device" and the "adjuster having an adjusting element".

A new drawing Fig. 3 is submitted that shows schematically the camshaft adjusting device that comprises a proportional solenoid valve and an adjuster with adjusting element acted on by the proportional solenoid valve. The action of the valve on the adjuster is symbolized by an arrow.

The basic configuration of such camshaft adjusting devices is explained in paragraphs 0004 to 0006 and also 0012.

The specification has been amended to include a brief description of new Fig. 3.

No new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-4, 9-11, 13-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Bartholomaus (US 4,491,153)*.

Claim 1 has been canceled and claims 2-4, 9-11, 13-16 have been made dependent from allowable claim 17.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 5-8, 12, and 17-19 are allowed.

Claims 2-4, 9-11, 13-16 have been made dependent from allowable claim 17 and should thus also be allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further objections or suggestions, the undersigned would appreciate a phone call or e-mail from the examiner to discuss appropriate amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.


Authorization is herewith given to charge any fees or any shortages in any fees

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